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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of October 1, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached copy of the disclosure for that now of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

(New) A process for the preparation of cross-linked polysaccharides containing carboxy groups in which the polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of hyaluronic acids, caboxymethyldextran, carboxymethylcellulose, carboxymethylstarch, alginic acids, cellulose acid, N-carboxy-methyl or butyl glucans or chitosans, heparins with different molecular weights, optionally desuluphated and succinylated, dermatan sulphates, chondroitin sulphates and heparan sulphates comprising (a) activating the carboxy groups

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